

Testing new physics with neutrino oscillation experiments

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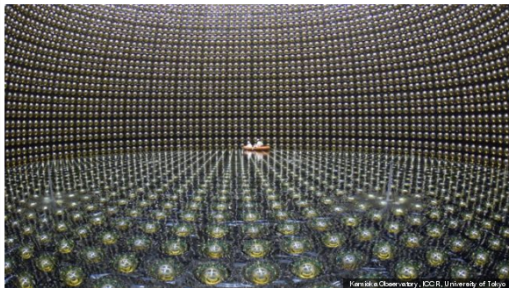
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Neutrino 'flip' wins physics Nobel Prize

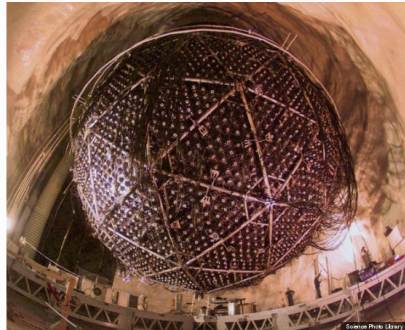
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Kamioka Observatory, ICCR, University of Tokyo

Crucial measurements were made at the Super-Kamiokande neutrino detector in Japan

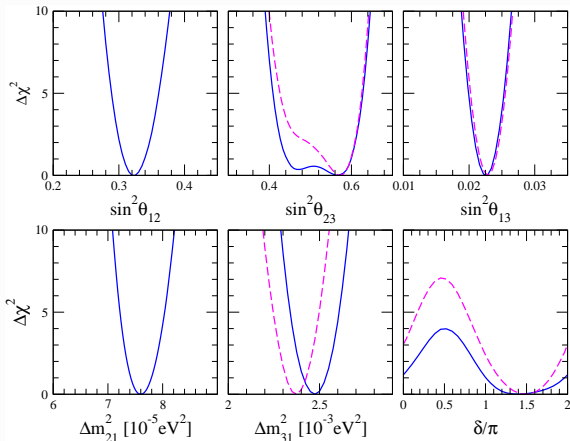


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The Sudbury Neutrino Observatory, like Super-K, is housed in a cavern inside a mine

Neutrino Oscillation Global Fit Results

D.V.Forero, Tórtola & Valle (PRD **90** (2014)) arxiv:1405.7540



parameter	$\text{bf} \pm 1\sigma$	
Δm_{21}^2 [10^{-5}eV^2]	$7.60^{+0.19}_{-0.18}$	2.4%
$ \Delta m_{31}^2 $ [10^{-3}eV^2]	$2.48^{+0.05}_{-0.07}$	2.4%
IH	$2.38^{+0.05}_{-0.06}$	
$\sin^2\theta_{12}/10^{-1}$	3.23 ± 0.16	5.0%
$\sin^2\theta_{13}/10^{-2}$	2.26 ± 0.12	5.3%
IH	2.29 ± 0.12	5.2%
$\sin^2\theta_{23}/10^{-1}$	$5.67^{+0.32}_{-1.24}$	7.4%
IH	$5.73^{+0.25}_{-0.39}$	6.9%
δ/π	$1.41^{+0.55}_{-0.40}$	
IH	1.48 ± 0.31	

The topics along this talk...

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The beginnings

The importance of neutrino–matter interactions

L. Wolfenstein (PRD **17** (1978))

$$m_\nu = 0$$

- Case I: Off-diagonal NC couplings.
- Case II: Non-orthogonality among the ν s in the weak basis.

Vacuum and matter ν -oscillations

- Case III: NC with diagonal couplings but including the ν_e -CC interactions with matter, Standard matter effect.

J.W.F Valle (PLB **199** (1987))

- Neutrinos remain massless due to a symmetry (total LN).
- Because of the Non-unitarity of the leptonic mixing matrix, the flavor neutrino eigenstates are not orthogonal.
- In matter 'oscillations' appear due to the interplay of CC and NC ν -interactions.

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Towers of effective operators

$$\Lambda > \Lambda_{EWSB}$$

M.B. Gavela *et al.* (PRD **79** (2009))

$$\delta\mathcal{L}_{\text{eff}} = \frac{1}{\Lambda^2} \sum_i^{d=6} c_i \mathcal{O}_i^{d=6} + \frac{1}{\Lambda^4} \sum_k^{d=8} c_k \mathcal{O}_k^{d=8},$$

After EWSB:

$$\epsilon_{\beta\alpha}^{m,L} = \frac{v^2}{2\Lambda^2} \left(c_{\text{NSI}}^{\bar{L}\bar{L}\bar{L}L} \right)_{\beta e}^{\alpha e}, \quad \epsilon_{\beta\alpha}^{m,R} = \frac{v^2}{2\Lambda^2} \left(-\frac{1}{2} c_{LE} + \frac{v^2}{2\Lambda^2} (c_{LEH}^1 + c_{LEH}^3) \right)_{\beta e}^{\alpha e},$$

where the conditions to suppress charged LFV (4 lepton) process are:

$$\left(-\frac{1}{2} c_{LE} + \frac{v^2}{2\Lambda^2} (c_{LEH}^1 - c_{LEH}^3) \right)_{\beta\delta}^{\alpha\gamma} = 0,$$
$$\left(c_{LL}^1 + c_{LL}^3 + \frac{v^2}{2\Lambda^2} (c_{LLH}^{111} + c_{LLH}^{331} - c_{LLH}^{133} - c_{LLH}^{313}) \right)_{\beta\delta}^{\alpha\gamma} = 0,$$

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Assumptions, limitations and consequences of the analysis:

- The analysis is limited to operators induced at *tree level*.
- With $d = 6$ operators (obeying the cancellation rules) it is not possible to obtain all the NSI couplings, for instance, $\varepsilon_{e\tau}^m$.
- The $d = 8$ operators (obeying the cancellation rules) are the potential candidates to generate 'large' NSI.
- For $d = 8$, and the mediators (2 to do the cancellation job) coupling to only SM bilinears, $d = 6$ contributions are also produced. Thus, some fine-tuning or extra symmetries are needed.
- In a $d = 8$ case fulfilling all the requirements one should be careful with one-loop corrections since they can spoil the $d = 6$ cancellation conditions.

Many requirements (and some fine-tuning) have to be fulfilled to generate 'large NSI' when Λ is above the EWSB scale. Are there other possibilities?

NSI via light mediators, $m_X \ll m_Z$

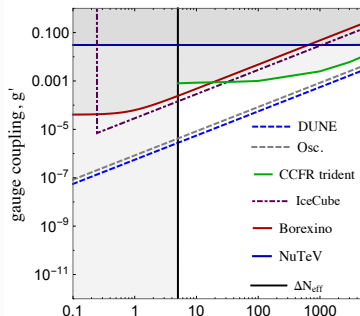
Y. Farzan *et al.* arxiv:1512.09147

New light gauge boson from $U(1)'$ gauge models with a non-trivial two component representation for the left-handed leptons:

- From the low energy relation: $\varepsilon G_F \sim (g_X/m_X)^2$, to generate $\varepsilon \sim 1$, the condition $g_X/m_X = G_F^{1/2}$ should be fulfilled.

The non-detection of the new particle implies:

- Instead of the usual requirement $m_X \gg m_Z$ (which produces $\varepsilon \ll 1$), a second option considers $g_X \ll 1$. Specifically, $g_X \sim 5 \times 10^{-5}$ and $m_X \sim 10$ MeV.



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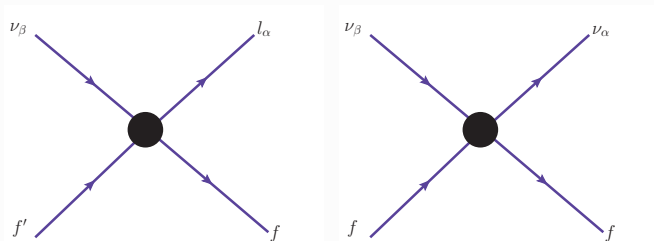
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The standard NSI (pheno) framework

L. Wolfenstein (PRD **17**(1978)), J.W.F Valle (PLB **199**(1987))

M.M Guzzo *et al.* (PLB **260**(1991)), E. Roulet (PRD **44**(1991))



$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{L}_{V\pm A} = & \frac{G_F}{\sqrt{2}} \sum_{f,f'} \tilde{\epsilon}_{\alpha\beta}^{S(D),f,f',V\pm A} \left[\bar{\nu}_\beta \gamma^\rho (1 - \gamma^5) \ell_\alpha \right] \left[\bar{f}' \gamma_\rho (1 \pm \gamma^5) f \right] \\ & + \frac{G_F}{\sqrt{2}} \sum_f \tilde{\epsilon}_{\alpha\beta}^{m,f,V\pm A} \left[\bar{\nu}_\alpha \gamma^\rho (1 - \gamma^5) \nu_\beta \right] \left[\bar{f} \gamma_\rho (1 \pm \gamma^5) f \right] + \text{h.c.}, \end{aligned}$$

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Current bounds

CC-like NSI

C. Biggio *et al.* (JHEP **090** (2009))

Bounds calculated from:

- V^{ud} determination: From **Kaon decays** $\rightarrow V^{us}$ (and assuming CKM unitarity) compared with the derivation from **beta decays** (affected by NSI).
- **Universality tests**: Ratios $\pi \rightarrow e(\mu)\nu$ and $\tau \rightarrow \pi\nu$ decay rates modified by quark CC-like NSI.
- Non-observation of **flavor change at NOMAD** ('zero distance effect').
Channels $\nu_\mu \rightarrow \nu_e$ ($|\varepsilon_{\mu e}^{ud A}|$, $|\varepsilon_{e\mu}^{ud L(R)}|$), $\nu_e \rightarrow \nu_\tau$ ($|\varepsilon_{\tau e}^{ud}|$), and $\nu_\mu \rightarrow \nu_\tau$ ($|\varepsilon_{\mu\tau}^{ud A}|$, $|\varepsilon_{\tau\mu}^{ud L(R)}|$).

Assuming only one parameter at a time (90% C.L. for 1 d.o.f):

$$\mathcal{X} = \begin{bmatrix} V & L(R) & V \\ A & A & A \\ L(R) & L(R) & A \end{bmatrix}, |\varepsilon_{\alpha\beta}^{ud} \chi_{ij}| < \begin{bmatrix} \boxed{0.041} & 0.026(0.037) & 0.041 \\ 0.026 & 0.078 & 0.013 \\ 0.087(0.12) & 0.013(0.018) & 0.13 \end{bmatrix}$$

WARNING: Use these limits with care! Are the assumptions clear?

We improved the limit on $|\varepsilon_{ee}^{ud}|$ NSI coupling (it will be covered later on).

Current bounds

NC-like NSI

M.C. Gonzalez-Garcia *et al.* (JHEP **152** (2013))

From a global fit of oscillation neutrino data, the 90% of C.L bounds for the LMA solution are:

$$\varepsilon_{\alpha\beta} - \varepsilon_{\mu\mu}|^{f=d(u)} \in \begin{bmatrix} [0.02(0.00), 0.51] & [-0.09, 0.04] & [-0.14, 0.14] \\ \times & 0 & [-0.01, 0.01] \\ \times & \times & [-0.01, 0.03] \end{bmatrix}$$

where

$$\varepsilon_{\alpha\beta}^m = \sum_{f=e,u,d} \left\langle \frac{Y_f}{Y_e} \right\rangle \varepsilon_{\alpha\beta}^f = \varepsilon_{\alpha\beta}^e + Y_u \varepsilon_{\alpha\beta}^u + Y_d \varepsilon_{\alpha\beta}^d$$

In the case of ν 's interacting with the Earth matter:

$$\varepsilon_{\alpha\beta}^m \approx \varepsilon_{\alpha\beta}^e + 3.051 \varepsilon_{\alpha\beta}^u + 3.102 \varepsilon_{\alpha\beta}^d$$

Thus, the **less constrained** and non-diagonal NSI coupling is $\varepsilon_{e\tau}^m \sim \mathcal{O}(1)$.

For a complete set of constraints on $\varepsilon_{\alpha\beta}^{f=e}$ see table III in Ref:

O.G Miranda *et al.* (NJP **17** (2015))

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NSI in SBL reactor experiments

J. Kopp *et al.* (PRD **77** (2008)) [arxiv:0705.2595](#)

- Production (Detection) \Longleftrightarrow $\beta(\beta^{-1})$ -decay process.
- At the quark level $u \Longleftrightarrow d$.
- NC matter effects in neutrino propagation can be neglected, so only CC part is present in ν production and detection.

$$\tilde{\epsilon}_{\alpha\beta}^{m,f,V\pm A} \rightarrow 0 \quad \text{and} \quad \tilde{\epsilon}_{e\beta}^{S(D),u,d,V\pm A} \rightarrow \epsilon_{e\beta}^{S(D)}$$

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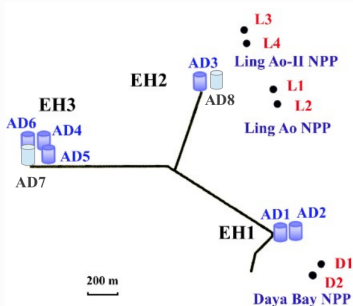
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Assumptions in the analysis:

- $\varepsilon_{e\alpha}^s = \varepsilon_{\alpha e}^{d*} \equiv \varepsilon_{\alpha} = |\varepsilon_{\alpha}| e^{i\phi_{\alpha}}$
- $|\bar{\nu}_{\alpha}^s\rangle = |\bar{\nu}_{\alpha}\rangle + \sum_{\gamma} \varepsilon_{\alpha\gamma}^{s*} |\bar{\nu}_{\gamma}\rangle$
- The **effective** oscillation probability is given by:

$$P_{\bar{\nu}_e^s \rightarrow \bar{\nu}_e^d}^{\text{eff.}} \simeq 1 + \overbrace{4|\varepsilon_e| \cos \phi_e}^{\text{'zero distance term'}} - 4[\sin \theta_{13} + s_{23}|\varepsilon_{\mu}| \cos(\delta - \phi_{\mu}) + c_{23}|\varepsilon_{\tau}| \cos(\delta - \phi_{\tau})]^2 \sin^2 \Delta_{31} + \mathcal{O}(\varepsilon)^2$$

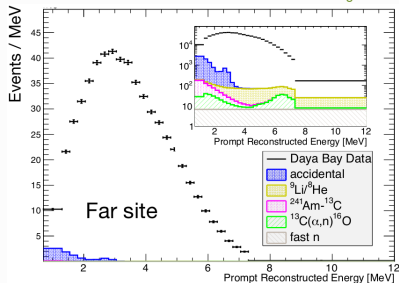
Daya Bay $\bar{\nu}_e \rightarrow \bar{\nu}_e$



$$\frac{N_F}{N_N} = \frac{N_{p,F}}{N_{p,N}} \times \frac{\epsilon_F}{\epsilon_N} \times \frac{L_N^2}{L_F^2} \times \frac{\int \Phi(E) \sigma(E) P_{ee}(E, L_F)}{\int \Phi(E) \sigma(E) P_{ee}(E, L_N)}$$

Daya Bay $\bar{\nu}_e \rightarrow \bar{\nu}_e$

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$$\chi^2 = \sum_{d=1}^8 \frac{[M_d - T_d (1 + \textcolor{red}{a}_{\text{norm}} + \sum_r \omega_r^d \alpha_r + \xi_d) + \beta_d]^2}{M_d + B_d} + \sum_{r=1}^6 \frac{\alpha_r^2}{\sigma_r^2} + \sum_{d=1}^8 \left(\frac{\xi_d^2}{\sigma_d^2} + \frac{\beta_d^2}{\sigma_B^2} \right) + \left(\frac{\textcolor{red}{a}_{\text{norm}}}{\sigma_a} \right)^2$$

Constrained normalization analysis! $\sigma_a \sim 5\%$.

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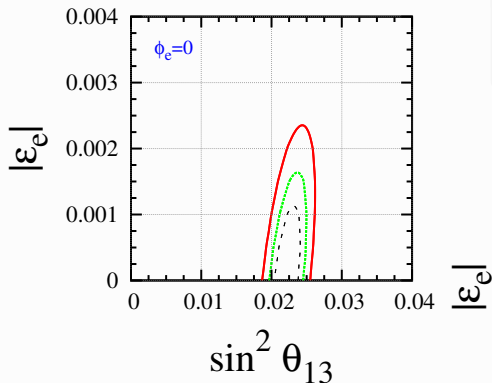
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Results for the ε_e case

$$0.020 \leq \sin^2 \theta_{13}^{DYB} \leq 0.024$$

S. Agarwalla *et al.* (JHEP **060** (2015))



C.L = 68.3, 90, 95%; 2 d.o.f

$$a_{\text{norm}} = 0$$

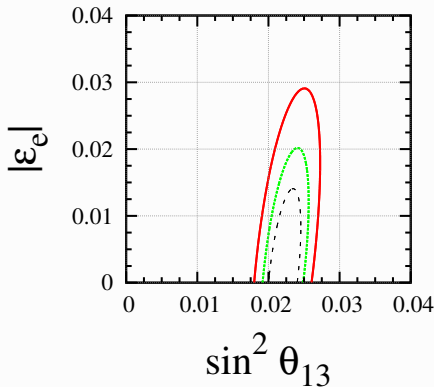
$$|\varepsilon_e| \leq 0.0012 \text{ @90\% C.L.}$$

$$0.020 \leq \sin^2 \theta_{13} \leq 0.024$$

$$\sigma_a = 5\%$$

$$|\varepsilon_e| \leq 0.015 \text{ @90\% C.L.}$$

$$0.020 \leq \sin^2 \theta_{13} \leq 0.025$$



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NSI effects at LBL ν -experiments

Generalizing the effective matter potential

The Standard vacuum neutrino oscillation Hamiltonian is given by:

$$H_0 = \frac{1}{2E} [U \text{diag} (0, \Delta m_{21}^2, \Delta m_{31}^2) U^\dagger],$$

while the general matter interaction Hamiltonian can be written as

$$H_{\text{int}} = V \begin{pmatrix} 1 + \varepsilon_{ee}^m & \varepsilon_{e\mu}^m & \varepsilon_{e\tau}^m \\ (\varepsilon_{e\mu}^m)^* & \varepsilon_{\mu\mu}^m & \varepsilon_{\mu\tau}^m \\ (\varepsilon_{e\tau}^m)^* & (\varepsilon_{\mu\tau}^m)^* & \varepsilon_{\tau\tau}^m \end{pmatrix}$$

with $V = \sqrt{2} G_F N_e$ or $a_{\text{CC}} \equiv 2V E = 7.63 \times 10^{-5} \left[\frac{\rho}{\text{gr/cm}^3} \right] \left[\frac{E}{\text{GeV}} \right]$.

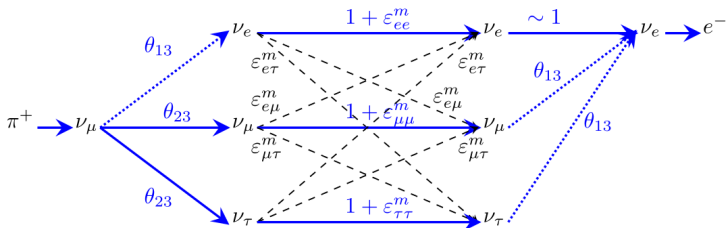
The oscillation probability is obtained as:

$$P_{\nu_\alpha \rightarrow \nu_\beta} = |\langle \nu_\beta | \exp[-i(H_0 + H_{\text{int}})] | \nu_\alpha \rangle|^2$$

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(Anti)neutrino appearance

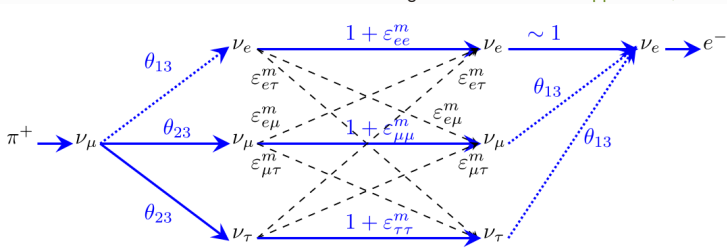
Figure taken from: J. Kopp *et al.* (PRD **77** (2008))



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(Anti)neutrino appearance

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- We will consider only the (Anti)neutrino appearance channel.
- Only the off-diagonal NSI parameter $\epsilon^m_{e\tau} \equiv |\epsilon| \exp(i\phi) \neq 0$.
- We simulate true neutrino events including NSI and we compare them to the test SM events in both T2K (scaled 5 yrs) and NoVA ($3\nu + 3\bar{\nu}$).
- Our results are only for normal MH.

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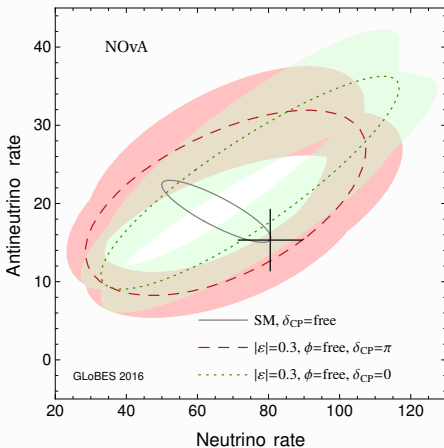
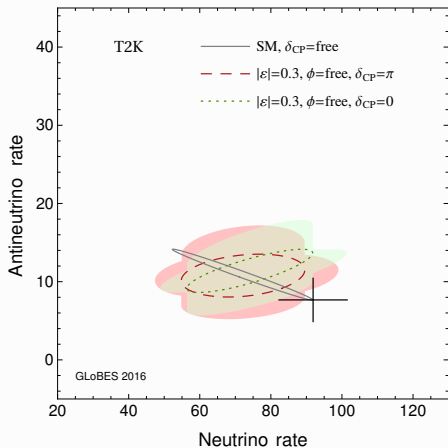
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Results

Bi-rate plots

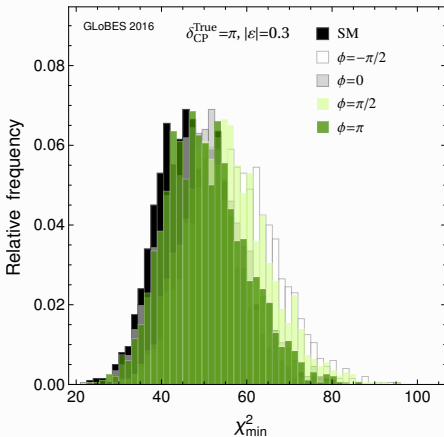
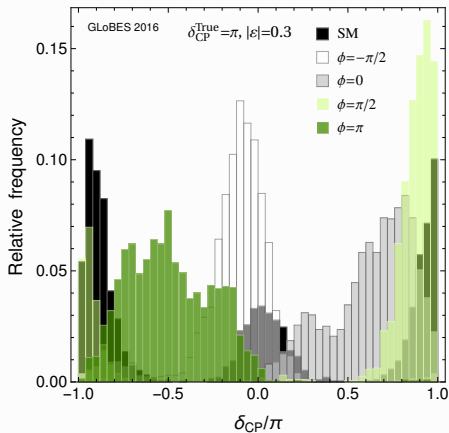
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Histograms

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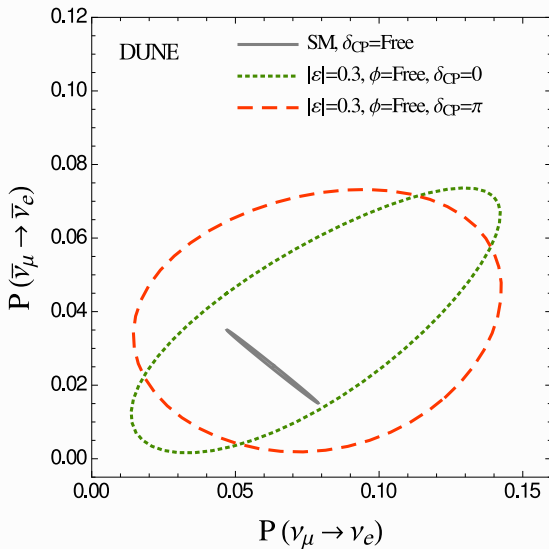


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